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Judge LaShonda A. Hunt Sworn in as District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, Ill. - Today in a private ceremony, Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer swore in LaShonda A. Hunt as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

“Judge Hunt is an excellent addition to our district court bench. She brings impressive credentials and well-rounded experience as a bankruptcy judge and as an attorney who has worked for the government, in a non-profit organization, and in the private practice of law,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

Prior to joining the district court bench, Judge LaShonda A. Hunt served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois since 2017. Judge Hunt previously served as General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services in 2016 and as Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Department of Corrections from 2015 to 2016. Prior to that, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois from 2003 to 2005 and then again from 2010 to 2015. Judge Hunt was Assistant General Counsel at Exelon Company from 2007 to 2009 and Regulatory Outreach Manager at Com Ed, a subsidiary of Exelon, from 2009 to 2010.

She also worked as a schools project director for the Just the Beginning Foundation from 2006 to 2007, a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from 1998 to 2001, and an associate at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP from 1995 to 1998. Judge Hunt served as Law Clerk to the Hon. William J. Hibbler of this Court from 2001 to 2003. She received her law degree from the University of Michigan in 1995, and her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1992.

Judge Hunt fills the seat vacated by Judge Charles Ronald Norgle, Sr. who took inactive senior status, effective October 4, 2022.

District court judges are nominated by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate, as stated in the Constitution. The Senate Judiciary Committee typically conducts confirmation hearings for each nominee. Article III of the Constitution states that these judicial officers are appointed for a life term.

Judge Hunt will immediately receive a caseload of 282 randomly assigned cases and will immediately be added to the civil case assignment system in order to be assigned new cases. Judge Hunt will sit in Dirksen U.S. Courthouse Courtroom 1219, and her chambers will be in Chambers 1278.

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